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"To The Spiritual Children of Grace Church."

REV. J. P. LLOYD.

In continuing to speak to you through the Grace Church VISITOR, and at the request of your pastor, Rev. Mr. Zartman, whom, as I doubt not you "esteem very highly in love for his work's sake," as well as for his personal virtues, I still address you as "children." All true disciples of Christ are "children;" children of God, because "born of God;" "Spiritual children" because born of the Spirit; and this is true of them, whether the years of their natural life be many or few.

Let me name a pleasant task or exercise to you. Take your Testaments and turn to the First Epistle General of John. You will find it only a short epistle; and containing only five chapters. It will not take you long to run your finger slowly over each column, and verse, and note *how many* times he uses the terms "children," "little children," "my children." And the very last verse of the epistle reads, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." And the first verse of the fourth chapter contains his earnest and affectionate words of warning, saying, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God." And giving us the test by which

we shall know the spirit which "is not of God," he tells us, "This is that spirit of antichrist, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now already it is in the world." Then hear his next words, so full of tenderness in the manner of them: "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." And he here speaks to all believers in Christ as their Lord and Master. But with the affection of a father, the apostle calls them all "little children."

But, what about those of you who, both in years and in Christian life, are spiritual children of Grace Church?

Let me speak of your *privileges*, and of your duties, by recalling some thoughts I presented in the "VISITOR" of April. I then said the *honor*, dear children, and the excellent *privileges*, as well as the *duties* they bring with them, may well fill your minds and hearts. Your honors as "spiritual children," brought into the "household of God," are far greater than those that came to Joseph, when taken from the pit and from slavery, and brought into first, the household and service of Potiphar, and afterwards into the service and household of Pharaoh, the great king of Egypt. So exalted were Joseph's honors that Pharaoh declared, "Only on the throne will I be greater

than thou." The very *duties* devolved upon Joseph were distinguishing *honors* and exalted *privileges*.

But infinitely higher honors and privileges do the redeemed people of God have, at his hands. They are not only made "Kings and Priests unto God;" they are "born again," and born unto God, and thus made children of God; they are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." Dear young friends, I scarce know where to pause in speaking of the honors and privileges of God's believing people, as the Bible, the Scripture of truth, declare them. In this life, the highest and holiest and happiest of them do not come into the *full* possession of their inheritance. Even the heirs of earthly parents and the heirs of earthly kings, do not enter upon their high honors until they come to their full age, or the time appointed by law; and they are under tutors and governors till they are fitted for the throne. And many of them have, from various causes and for various reasons, been left in poverty and want, and even confined in towers or shut up in prisons and dungeons, though they were children of kings. And so some of God's children, though heirs to the "inheritance of the saints in light," have, in this life, "suffered the loss of all things." So was it with Paul, the apostle. So was it with Lazarus, the beggar. But the "crowning day" came at last, and the beggar was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom." And Paul in triumph declares to Timothy (II. 4:6-8): "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which Christ, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." O, dear young friends, is not that a glorious utterance? Does it not gladden your hearts to read it? But that is not all that this

aged apostle, that "good soldier of Jesus Christ" then said. He adds, respecting that crown to be given him, "and not to me only, but unto *all them also that love His appearing*." Dear "spiritual children of Grace Church," however young you may be, Paul's triumph and crown awaits you as "children of God." Do you not love Christ, do you not love to think of his appearing, when he shall come the second time?" You may not *live* till then, but that will not hinder your joy; for this same apostle tells us (I Thes., 4th chapter, 13-14 vss.), "I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that are asleep, that ye sorrow not as those which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Read, dear children, the whole statement of the Apostle, to the end of chapter beginning with the 13th verse, or will you not say:

"Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep!
From which none ever wake to weep."

All the children of God, are "spiritual children." Does not that include the spiritual children in Grace Church? And to the Collossians the same Apostle writes: "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory!" But time would fail me to point out all the Apostle's teachings on this subject, and the hopes and encouragements to all duties; and to know our privileges, and "the things that are freely given us of God." And surely these *privileges* should, and do, bring with them "*duties*." Hear, then, how the Apostle John wraps up these "privileges" in a single statement. [1st chap., 12 v.] "But as many as received Him, to them gave he *power* to become the sons of God; even to them that believe on his name." That word, "power," means, (as the margins of your "reference Bibles" will also tell you),

"right, privilege," to become "sons of God."

But surely this wonderful privilege brings to these sons of God high and holy duties. I will name to you some of them in my next communication.

Departed.

AMOS AINSWORTH, after a prolonged illness, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Keller, 245 West Wayne Street, June 9th, 1893, aged 29 years, 8 months and 2 days. April 6th, Mr. Ainsworth and his wife were received into full membership with Grace Reformed Church by baptism and confirmation. During his illness and suffering he was patient and resigned, and gave full evidence of his reconciliation unto the Lord. Friday afternoon, June 9th, the remains were taken to Willshire, Ohio, for interment, this having been the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth. The day following the funeral services were conducted in the M. E. Church, of that place. We commend the bereft and sorrowing wife and friends to our Heavenly Father, who alone is able to comfort our hearts in our day of mourning, remembering his word of promise that "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."

THE Consistory granted the Pastor a three or four weeks vacation, as he may desire. In company with his family he expects to spend most of his time while out of the city with his parents, at Glenford, Ohio, and with the parents of Mrs. Zartman, at Canton, Ohio. The Pastor will in all probability be away over the last Sabbath in July, and the first and second Sabbaths in August.

THE pastor is still continuing his canvass among the members of the church for the new building. He is meeting everywhere with encouraging results.

Installation at Bluffton.

Sabbath evening, July 9th, Rev. G. H. Souder was installed pastor of the Bluffton charge. This charge is composed of three congregations, two in the country, and the one in the city. The installation services were held in the church in the city. The Bluffton charge is one of the most promising and desirable parishes in St. Joseph Classis. The congregations in the country have been organized for many years and are well established. The membership is composed of well-to-do and intelligent country people, and quite active workers in the church. The congregation in the town of Bluffton has been organized only some eight years. Its growth has been rapid and substantial. It is composed of a very genial and active class of young people. It is not very often that we meet with a people who are so active and eager to do all they can to advance the interests of their church. They are wide-awake in every department of church work. This congregation has evidently a very promising future before it. Their new pastor has already gained the confidence of the people in the entire charge, and since his pastorate among them, has done a commendable work. By the united effort of the Pastor and people, we feel assured that we shall continue to hear encouraging reports from this charge. It is possible that within a few years the charge may be divided, constituting the church in Bluffton a parish by itself, and the two churches in the country a second charge. This certainly would be very desirable and advantageous to these churches. The congregation in the city should have services twice every Sabbath, and with a second Pastor in the field the country churches could have services at least once each Sabbath. We hope that such an arrangement may be effected before many years.

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Ho! Ho! "All aboard" for a good time at Rome City, August 30th. Grace Church. You and your friends.

THE Orphan's Home anniversary will be held August 23rd. A general invitation is extended to every person.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES GUMPPER are at the World's Fair for a week or more. They intend also visiting some friends at Milwaukee.

GEO. SOUDER, of Shelby, Ohio, is making one of his enjoyable visits with his son, D. W. Souder. We are always glad to see Father Souder in our midst.

MONDAY evening, July 24, there will be a congregational meeting at the church of much interest to every member of Grace Church. Matters relating to our new building will come before the church and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance of the members at this meeting.

J. W. FOUCHT, Brother-in-Law of the pastor spent the Sabbath, July 16th at the parsonage. Mr. Foucht is a very active worker in the Trinity Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio.

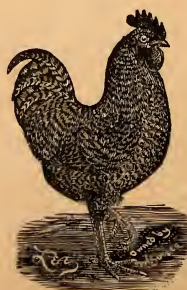
THE pastor held a communion service with the Salem Reformed Church Sabbath morning, June 25th. Services were also held Saturday afternoon and evening previous. The attendance at these meetings was very large and much interest was manifested.

THE twelve accessions to the church, July 2nd. swell our total number of accessions since January 1st, 1893, to the even number of seventy. The results of our work so far this year have been most gratifying. Can we not reach the round number of one hundred accessions before the close of the year '93?

MR. WILLIAM KETLER has the pastor's thanks for a key to the World's Columbian Fair. This ingenious instrument is wrought out of the genuine ready cash metal and will fit any of the entrance ways at the Fair. We esteem ourselves very fortunate to hold in our possession such a valuable treasure.

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June 11.....	3.95	".....	.69
June 18.....	3.37	".....	
June 25.....	3.20	".....	1.19

Total.....\$13.26 Total.....\$2.02

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June 11. Class, Mr. Gumper, teacher; 68c.

June 18. Class, Miss Mast, teacher; 60c.

June 25. Class, Miss French, teacher; 53c.

STATISTICS FOR SECOND QUARTER.

Total Bible School collections during second quarter, \$75.89.

Class No. 11 gave largest amount during quarter. Teacher, Mr. Connett. Amount, \$12.78.

Infant class gave second largest amount during quarter. Teacher, Mrs. Zartman. Amount, \$9.33.

Number of new scholars received during second quarter, 50.

THE Primary Department has now an enrollment of over fifty pupils. It will not be long until this class must have larger quarters.

MRS. J. E. BEAHLER has taken charge of the Ladies' Bible Class, formerly taught by Miss Ida Mast. Mrs. Beahler will make one of our most competent teachers, and we are heartily glad to have her among our efficient corps of Bible School teachers. The Ladies' Bible Class should be greatly increased in numbers. Why can not more of our ladies join this class.

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THE Social, Thursday Evening, July 13th was a very enjoyable occasion. The Chorus Singing by the children was highly appreciated.

THE Ladies' Society held their first missionary tea at the home of Mrs. Charles Gumper, on West Washington Street, Thursday afternoon, June 29th. The attendance was not so large, but the ladies had a delightful time. Mrs. Gumper was assisted by her mother, Mrs. C. Neireiter and her sister, Mrs. A. C. Katt. The ladies intend holding these teas once a month.

MRS. F. D. PAULUS has just returned from a visit with friends at Cleveland and Akron, Ohio.

MRS. JOHN BOTTGER is at present enjoying a pleasant visit from one of her sisters, residing at Tyrone, Pa.

MRS. NULL, residing some eight miles east of the city, Mrs. Louisa Miller's Mother, has been very ill for a few weeks past, but from latest reports was again convalescing.

THE communion service July 2nd was one of our refreshing gospel feasts. The following persons were received into the church at this service: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ruehling, and Adam Oster by letter from the St. John's Reformed Church; Mrs. Julia Heiser, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Ruehling, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ruehling, Misses Lydia and Maggie Ruehling, Mr. and Mrs. William Riehl, by re-profession.

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Prayer Meeting Topics and
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July 16. God's Great Command.
 Acts, 17:30; Luke, 13:15. A. K. Zart-
 man.

July 23. Fellowship in Work. Acts,
 18:3; John, 17:29-26. Willis Souder.

July 30. Consecration meeting. The
 Danger of Becoming Hardened. Acts,
 19:9; Mark, 16:9-14. Emma Ketler.

Aug. 6. The Blessedness of Giving.
 Acts, 20:35; Luke, 6. Martin Connet.

Aug. 13. How Much Have We Borne
 for Christ? Acts, 21:30-36; Phil.
 1:29. Lillie Walters.

Aug. 20. Paul or Felix: Whose Ex-
 ample Will You Follow? Acts, 24:22-
 27; 1 John, 2:15-17. Eugene Mathis.

Aug. 27. Consecration meeting. Con-
 tinual Witnessing. Acts, 26:22; Ps.
 34:1-4. Mary Rudisil.

SABBATH evening, July 9th, the Pas-
 tor was permitted to attend the Young
 People's meeting of the Reformed
 Church, at Bluffton. We were very
 much pleased with the service, and the
 interest manifested by this society.

MR. BERKHALTER, Student in our
 Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio,
 preached a very acceptable and instructive
 sermon at Grace Church Sabbath evening
 July 16th. This young brother has two
 more years of study at the Seminary. He
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WHILE at Bluffton July 9th, the pastor and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simons and Misses Ida and Laura Mast. It is useless to say we were entertained right royally.

MR. and Mrs. William Ketler, and son Emil and daughter Emma, spent two weeks during last month at Chicago, visiting the fair and seeing sights. They were delighted with their visit to the "White City."

THE delegates to the Classical Conventions held in Grace Church were highly pleased with their entertainment and tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the members of Grace Church for their hospitality.

WEDNESDAY, Ang. 30th has been selected as the day for our Annual Excursion to Rome City. The rates will be the same as in former years, \$1.00 for adults, 50 cents for children. Let every family arrange to take this day for an outing and for a good time. Talk to your friends and persuade them to go with us.

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